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Docket No.: 102323-0085
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In re Patent Application of:
Randall G. Banton et al.

Application No.: 10/076,226

Confirmation No.:

Filed: February 14, 2002

Art Unit: 2182

For: CENTRAL INLET CIRCUIT BOARD
ASSEMBLY

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date, OR more than three months after the date of entry of the national stage of a PCT application, AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs first, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (37 CFR 1.97(c)).

A copy of each reference on the PTO/SB/08 is attached.

Applicant calls the cited references to the attention of the examiner as having been cited in previously co pending, now abandoned US patent application Serial No. 10/076,216. US 4,375,290 is understood to disclose a mechanism for air-sealing engagement between a circuit board and the chassis in which it is received. See Element 70 of Figure 7 and the accompanying text, e.g., beginning at column 4, line 67. US 4,795,354 is understood to disclose a dust cover

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for a zero-force (ZF) connector employing an elastomeric sealing material. See elements 36, 68 of Figure 1 and the accompanying text, e.g., column 2, lines 23, et seq.

Though the Examiner is understood already to be aware of this, his attention is directed to commonly assigned patent applications (and patents) 10/076,125 (now, patent 6,683,787), 10/076,032 (now, patent 6,697,255), 10/076,207, 10/076,133 (now, patent 6,661,657), 10/076,123 (now, patent 6,690,575), 10/076,124, and 10/076,216, all of which are directed to inventions supported by a common disclosure herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,



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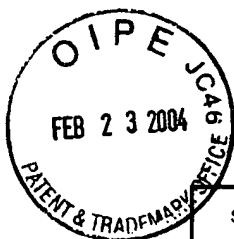
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				Application Number	10/076,207-Conf. #8590
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
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		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
	AA	US-6,053,748	04/25/2000	Bricaud et al.	
	AB	US-4,795,354	01/03/1989	Owen	
	AC	US-6,292,373	09/18/2001	Li et al.	
	AD	US-4,442,475	04/10/1984	Franklin et al.	
	AE	US-4,223,368	09/16/1980	Dattilo	
	AF	US-4,375,290	03/01/1983	Zucchi et al.	
	AG	US-4,410,760	10/18/1983	Cole	
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1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
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1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1503 640	2503 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))	
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